

REMARKS

Claims 3, 9, 17 and 18 have been cancelled. Since Robert Stewart was a co-inventor of the subject matter found in these claims, he has been removed as an inventor under 37 CFR 1.48(b).

The examiner's rejection of claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 12, 14-16 and 19-20 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) is based on U.S. Patent 6,157,454 to Wagner et al. Since the inventorship of this prior art reference and the above-mentioned claims is the same and not "by another", this reference should be removed. These claims should now be allowed.

Claims 6-8, 10, 11 and 13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being obvious based on Wagner et al. in view of Keane et al. Since Wagner et al. has now been removed as a reference these claims should now be allowed.

CONCLUSION

Re-examination, reconsideration and allowance of the application are requested in view of the foregoing signed document, remarks and cancelled claims 3, 9, 17 and 18.

Should the examiner have any questions regarding this amendment it is urged that she contact the undersigned.

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